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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6971 NOTE PREPARED: Feb 27, 2008 **BILL NUMBER:** HB 1286 **BILL AMENDED:** Feb 26, 2008

SUBJECT: Library Services Authorities.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Blanton

BILL STATUS: As Passed Senate

FIRST SPONSOR: Sen. Gard

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL IMPACT: State

DEDICATED FEDERAL

<u>Summary of Legislation:</u> (Amended) The bill allows a library services authority to merge with another authority, a nonprofit corporation, or both, to create a nonprofit corporation.

The bill also requires Indiana Cooperative Library Services Authority (INCOLSA) to pay to the State Budget Agency \$700,000 in settlement of all noncontractual amounts owed to the state and to transfer to the state library ownership of the INSPIRE trademark.

Effective Date: Upon passage.

<u>Explanation of State Expenditures:</u> Secretary of State- The Secretary of State (SOS) would be required to approve or disprove a merger under the bill. The SOS would conduct examinations or investigations deemed necessary to make an approval decision. The SOS would be able to carry out these requirements within their existing level of resources. [At the end of FY 2007, the SOS reverted \$42,178 to the state General Fund.]

Explanation of State Revenues: (Revised) *State Budget Agency Payment*- The bill would require INCOLSA to pay to the State Budget Agency \$700,000 by June 30, 2008, before merging and converting into a domestic nonprofit corporation.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues: A library service authority does not have the authority to levy taxes, so a merger under the bill would not present an impact on property taxes.

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State Agencies Affected: Secretary of State.

Local Agencies Affected: Library services authorities.

Information Sources:

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